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THREE FOUND IN VIOLATION OF DISCLOSURE LAW

Olympia – Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, Christine Yorozu, found two candidates and an appointed member of the State Forest Practices Board in violation of state Public Disclosure laws during brief enforcement hearings held today in Olympia.

At the Tuesday morning hearings the following individuals were found in violation of the Public Disclosure Act and were assessed civil penalties:

Bernardo Tuma, candidate for City Council of the City of Tacoma, was found in violation of state law by failing to timely file contribution and expenditure reports. Tuma was assessed a penalty of \$150 for failure to timely file the mandatory pre-primary election and pre-general election reports which deprived the public from knowing whether the campaign had received contributions or made expenditures until 11 days before the general election.

Sidney F. Locke, candidate for City Council of the City of Edmonds, was found in violation of state law for failure to timely file contribution and expenditure reports. Locke was assessed a civil penalty of \$150 for failure to timely file the details of a series of credit card expenditures until after the election.

Bob Kelly, member of the State Forest Practices Board, was found in violation of state law for failure to file a statement of Personal Financial Affairs. Kelly was assessed a penalty of \$200 after repeated attempts by PDC staff to contact him about his obligation to file the annual report.

“These kinds of cases take a tremendous amount of staff time and resources,” Yorozu said. “The enforcement expense could be avoided entirely with the timely filing of the required disclosure reports.”

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